



San Francisco AIDS Foundation MPX Response

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San Francisco AIDS Foundation

Our Vision

San Francisco AIDS Foundation envisions a future where health justice is achieved for all people living with or at risk for HIV.

Ultimately, we strive for a day when: race is not a barrier to health and wellness; substance use is not stigmatized; HIV status does not determine quality of life; and HIV transmission is eliminated.

Our Mission

San Francisco AIDS Foundation promotes health, wellness, and social justice for communities most impacted by HIV, through sexual health and substance use services, advocacy, and community partnerships.

A Warning of an Imminent Window ...



A lack of urgency = A need to Ring the Alarm!

As SFAF's clinical teams ramped up their response to monkeypox, Dr. T used SFAF's platform to **advocate for a number priority items through the news media.**

These efforts generated a **significant amount of news coverage** and advanced the priorities of SFAF and our priority populations by **pressing local elected officials and city, state, and federal health agencies to prioritize the monkeypox response.**



Themes/priorities addressed in news media

- Demand for MPX vaccines in San Francisco; number of callers to SFAF's vaccine hotline; number of sign-ups to SFAF's waitlist
- Continued need for additional vaccines; experience of SFAF's clinic and those we serve that are being impacted by MPX
- Services provided by SFAF including educational/informational services (e.g., Town Halls, MPX hotline, etc...) in addition to clinical services (testing, vaccination, treatment)
- Vaccine equity - the need for humane services that are accessible to populations who need them most
- Harm reduction messaging around prevention; addressing stigma; comparisons (and differences) to AIDS epidemic
- Demand for a state of public health emergency (local, state, federal)

A Demand for Information...

- Hotline received 1-2 calls per minute as soon as we created it
- Virtual town hall events (English and Spanish) were attended by hundreds
- Continue to receive requests for information about transmission, prevention, treatment and vaccination

monkeypox

What is it?

A viral infection

Causes on genital and/or anal area, face, hands/feet, and other areas of the body

Most cases among gay and bi men

Mostly spread by skin-to-skin contact



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A Need to Call Out Federal Public Health Failure ...



“We are once again in a moment where a lack of urgency and an inadequate federal response has left our community filled with fear, unanswered question and valid outrage. A moment where we have been abandoned by inaction - this is unacceptable and was completely avoidable.”

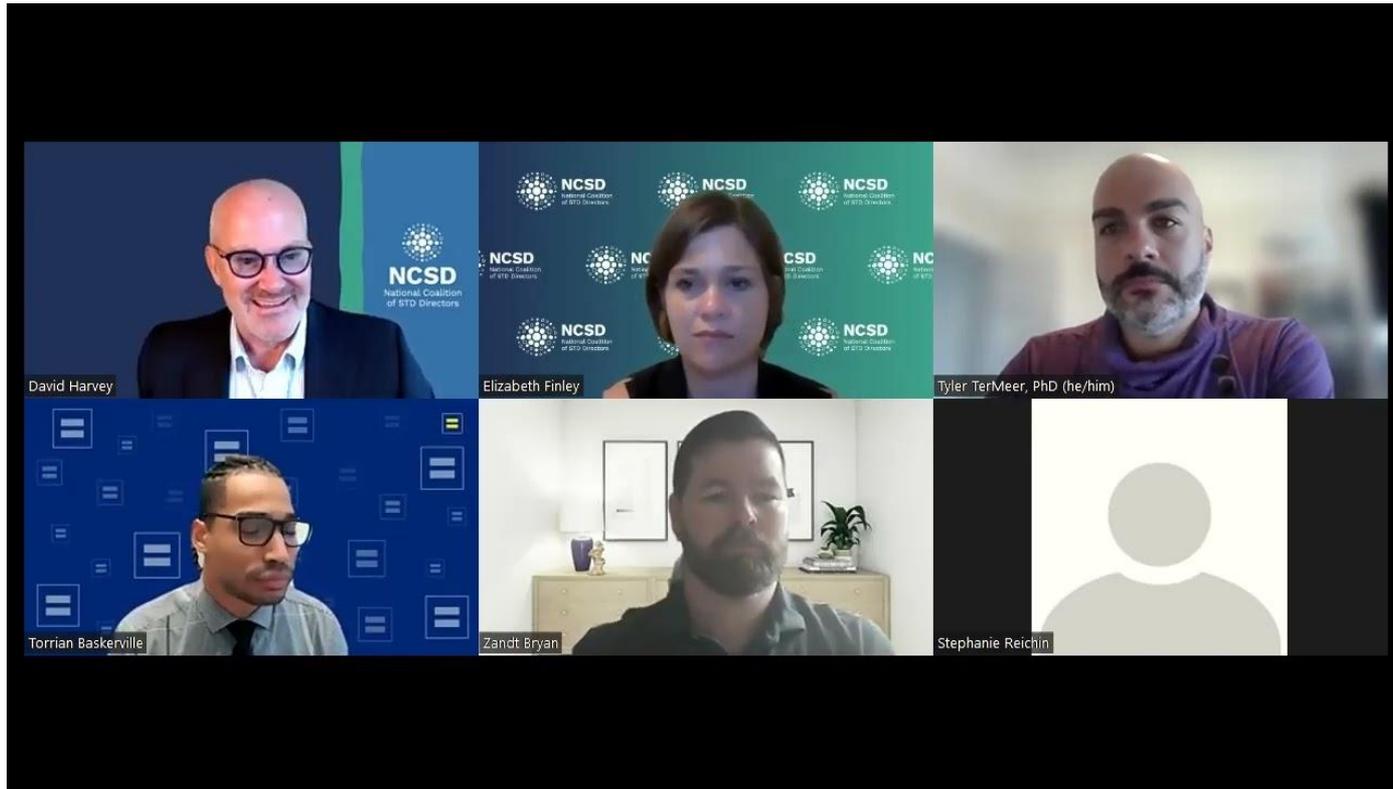
A Community Fighting for Accountability & Action



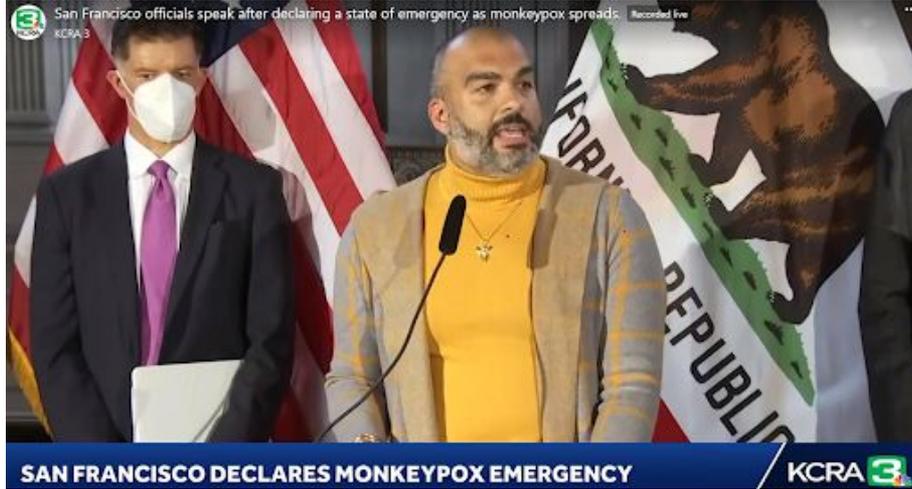
A Need for Community-led, Sex Positive Messaging



A Unified Demand for Increased Resources ...



A Demand to Declare a State of Emergency ...



“There is NO doubt that this Federal State of Emergency has been declared 3 months too late. Our communities will suffer because of this delayed response. There is a significant cost when governments move slowly.”

A Resilient Community



Vaccinations at SFAF as of 8/9/2022

- Vaccinated 1209 people
- 204 vaccine doses on hand
- 11,222 on our wait list

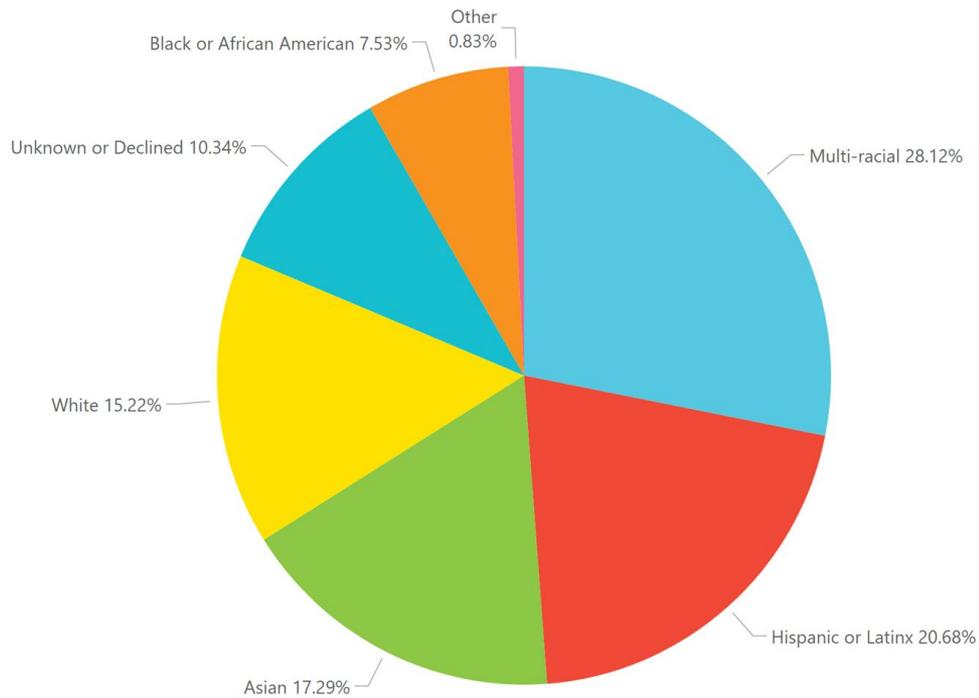


- Actively moving through our wait list and making appointments
- Wait list is growing faster than we are receiving vaccines

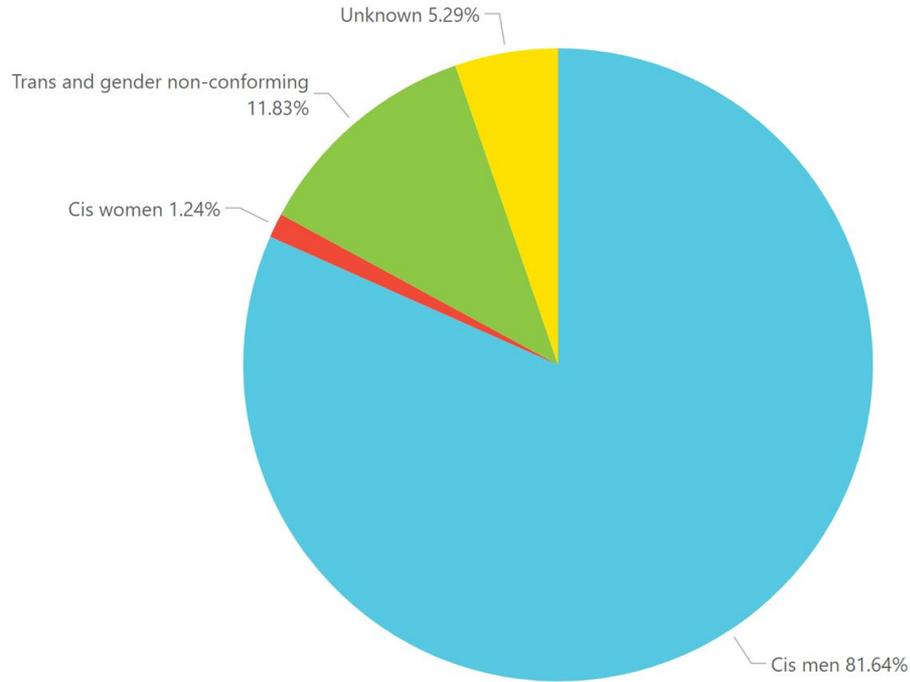
SFAF Vaccination Overview

- We are reaching people at high risk:
 - Documented exposures & Close contacts
 - Predominately gay/bi/trans men and trans women
 - Many people on our waitlist are also trying to access vaccines at SFGH, City Clinic, and Steamworks
- Racial equity:
 - Majority of people diagnosed and vaccinated are BIPOC individuals
- Trusted, culturally competent provider for gay/bi men's sexual health

8/9 update: SFAF Vaccine Demographics: Race/Ethnicity



8/9 update: SFAF Vaccine Demographics



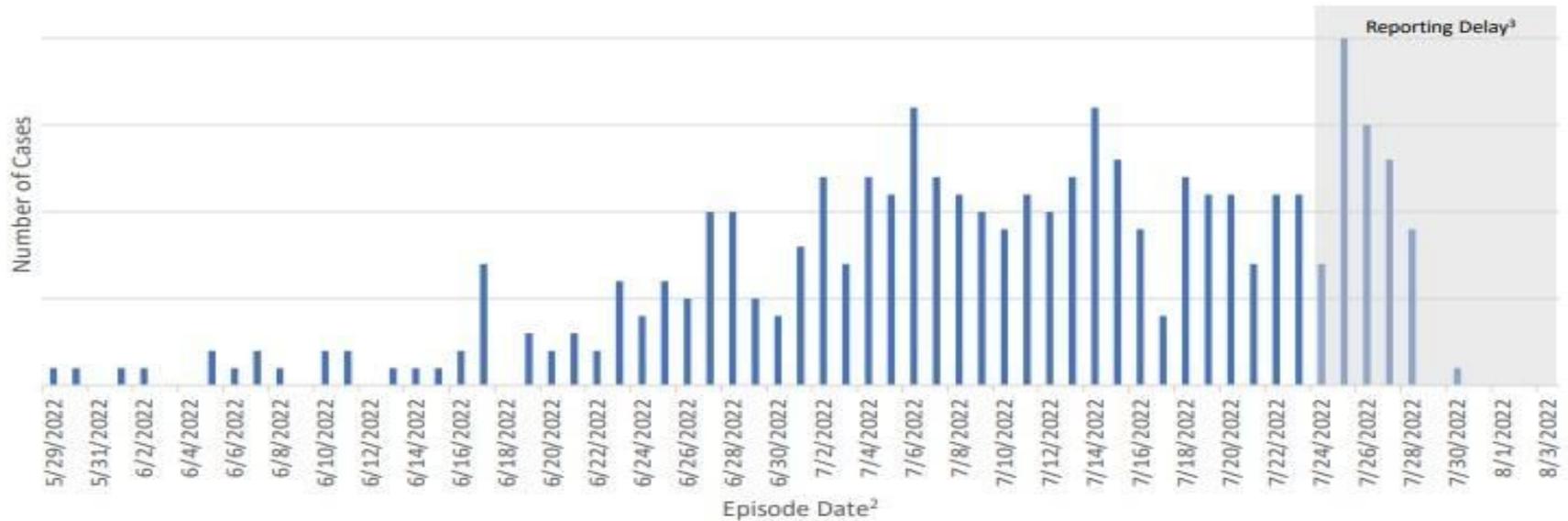
- Over 80% are gay/bi cisgender men
- 12% transgender or non-binary
- 69% between 25-44 years old

SFAF Testing and Diagnosis as of 8/9/2022

- Tested 110 people since 8/3/22:
 - 67 positive
 - 35 negative
 - 8 pending
- Demographics of those tested
 - 45% BIPOC: 23% Latinx, 12% API, 4% Black
 - 95% men
 - Age range is 23-66
- Demographics of those who tested positive for MPX
 - 49% BIPOC: 28% Latinx, 13% API, 4% Black

Growth of MPX Cases in San Francisco

San Francisco Monkeypox Cases¹ (n=397)



1. Includes confirmed and probable monkeypox cases per CDC case definition among San Francisco residents reported to SFDPH as of 8/3/2022

2. Episode date is the earliest of the following dates (if available): onset date, diagnosis date, date of death, laboratory specimen collection date, or date report received.

3. Illnesses which began during this time period may not yet be reported.



What cannot be overstated is that MPX is causing extreme distress, fear, anxiety, and pain to our community.

There will be unfortunate, lasting consequences to our communities because of the federal government's slow response to this outbreak.

- Tyler TerMeer, PhD

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